

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair partly cloudy, with possibility of local light rains in the north. Weather synopsis: An upper trough from Russia is causing slight instability over our region.

Jerusalem	Yesterday's High	Yesterday's Low	Today's Forecast
Jerusalem	60	45	65-75
Golan	50	35	55-65
Nablus	50	35	55-65
Safed	47	32	52-62
Haifa	50	35	55-65
Tiberias	40	25	45-55
Nazareth	45	30	50-60
Afula	45	30	50-60
Shomron	51	36	56-66
Tel Aviv	61	46	66-76
Lod	60	45	65-75
Jericho	50	35	55-65
Gaza	50	35	55-65
Beersheba	50	35	55-65
Elitz	50	35	55-65
Tiran	50	35	55-65

Social and Personal

President Katsir yesterday received Prime Minister Golda Meir at his Jerusalem residence. The President also received Eilahu Eilachar, David Sitton, Moshe Sofer, Reuven Kahan, Shlomo Gillo, R. Jinna and Shalom Habachouch of the Sephardic Community Council.

Mr. Katsir yesterday toured the Israeli '73 exhibition in Tel Aviv, where a reception was given in his honour by Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

The Foreign Minister and Mrs. Abba Eban yesterday gave a luncheon at their home in Jerusalem for the American artist Kenneth Noland.

BIRTH
LEVIN. — to Liora (née Kraut-zer) and (Dan), a daughter, Wednesday, June 13, 1973, Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem.

IN MEMORIAM
Knesset Member Menachem Begin and Deputy Knesset Speaker Ben Zion Keshet were among the participants at the 25th anniversary memorial service for those killed aboard the arms ship Altalena. Dov Shlensky, organizer of the service, was also present, as were relatives of the victims, survivors of the disaster, and sympathizers.

Hesse's Restaurant, Jerusalem, reopening today, Monday, 18.6.73 for lunch and dinner.

ARRIVALS

Rabbi Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, Chancellor of Bar Ilan University, for the annual Board of Trustees meeting, with his wife.

DEPARTURES

Transport Minister Shimon Peres, for a two-day visit to West Germany in connection with the planned Tel Aviv subway as part of the Bonn Transport Minister (by El Al).

Mrs. Shlomo Goren, wife of the Chief Rabbi, to London, to the guest of honour at the annual convention of the Jewish Community in London (by El Al).

Actress Hanna Maron to London, for a 12-day play going visit (by El Al).

New Chief Rabbis start work in T.A.

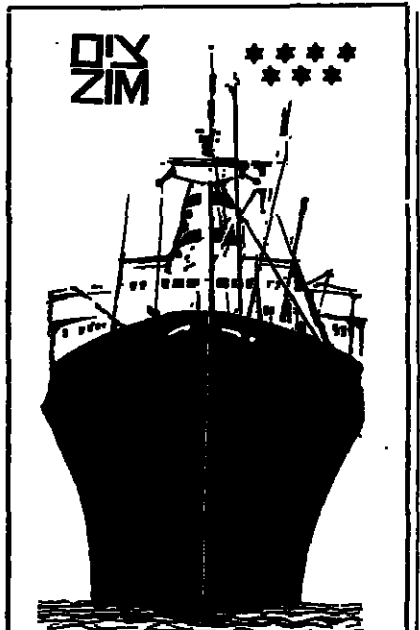
TEL AVIV. — The city's two new Chief Rabbis, Yedidia Frenkel and David Halevi, started working at their new posts yesterday.

They will be officially inducted at the Mann Auditorium next month. They were welcomed at the Chief Rabbinate building by Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and hundreds of Rabbinate employees.

Labour Party group to Germany next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — An official delegation of the Labour Party will pay a six-day visit to West Germany this week to return the visit of the SPD (Social-Democrats) there a year ago.

Aharon Yachia, Secretary-General of the Labour Party, is to head the Israeli delegation. There will be two women in the 10-member delegation — An'am Zuerli of Nazareth and Mathilda Ghez, M.K.



Zim employees demand voice in management

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HAIFA. — The office staff of Zim, the national shipping company, yesterday decided to take strong measures to get a voice in the company's management.

At a general meeting held after working hours, the staff authorized its committee to take "all measures," including a strike, if the management does not accept its demand to freeze the number of employees — which the staff already considers "inflated" — and to stop appointing outsiders to senior positions.

The committee will also appeal to the Histadrut to work for employees' participation in management, because members of the office staff are beginning to lose faith in the management.

The committee is also to appeal to the Government to take action against the management's "encouragement of emigration" by its engagement of former Israelis in its overseas offices.

Committee chairman Baruch Mor told The Jerusalem Post that the group would make one more effort to reach a settlement with the management on its stand, "before taking action."

AN EL AL flight from Amsterdam made an emergency landing at Lod Airport Saturday night after the captain discovered a fault in the landing gear. Fire engines and ambulances were rushed to the scene, but the plane, with 120 passengers aboard, landed safely.

Court rules Hebrew U. violated contract with junior lecturers

Jerusalem Post Staff
The National Labour Court ruled yesterday that the Hebrew University violated its collective wage agreement with the university's junior lecturers when it paid only senior lecturers and professors for supervising second-term examinations.

In a four-to-one decision, the Court said that in making these extra payments the university broke the basic tariff structure of the 1972 agreement and also contravened specific rules laid down by it.

The junior lecturers and assistants went on strike last week but returned to work on Wednesday after accepting the Labour Court's mediation.

The Court has given the university and the junior lecturers until next Monday to work out the exact compensation due to the lecturers. If the sides cannot agree by then, the Court itself will set the level of compensation.

The university spokesman told The Jerusalem Post last night that the controversial examination payments were not made to all professors, but only to those who de-

TAXMEN END STRIKE

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The country's 2,500 tax collectors are back at their windows and desks this morning, after several days of "sanctions" during which they refused to receive taxpayers for payment or consultation.

The dispute did not directly affect the workers' employer, the State Revenue Administration. Rather, it stemmed from a disagreement with the Histadrut's Civil Service Union, their bargaining agent, over the terms of reference to be used by a joint Histadrut-Civil Service Commission body regarding certain "specific demands" by the taxmen.

According to a clause in the work agreement signed with the Commission, a body of workers employed under the uniform pay scale (covering all non-professional Government workers) may put forward demands for wage adjustments based on the "specificity" of their job — i.e., if it entails certain duties and responsibilities of special importance.

During the weekend, the tax collectors and the Histadrut agreed on the specifics to be brought before the Civil Service Commission, at a forthcoming meeting.

Broadcasting strike still on

Education Minister Yigal Allon yesterday had three meetings with the parades to the TV and radio strike, but the eight-day-old strike continues.

Mr. Allon, who returned from abroad Saturday night, called on the strikers to return to work and resume negotiations with the Broadcasting Authority management. He especially urged the workers to resume the Arabic language broadcasts, "as has been the habit in earlier strikes."

In the morning he met with the heads of the Broadcasting Authority, whom he met again at 6 p.m. after attending a Cabinet meeting. The representatives of the Journalists Association joined this meeting later on.

The journalists have called a general meeting at Beit Agron in Jerusalem this morning.

JORDAN TV CHANNEL 6 TODAY

- 6.30 Cartoons
- 6.45 Fiction Piece
- 7.30 News in Hebrew
- 7.45 Science report
- 8.00 News in Arabic
- 8.30 News — French series
- 9.00 Documentary film
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.15 Detective Colombo/McCloud

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manded it. In making the payments the university was following the example of the Technion, which has followed this practice for three years, he said.

Meanwhile, the senior lecturers and professors at the Hebrew University are in the eighth day of their own strike for higher wages. No progress has been made since last Friday, when they last met with the university's management.

The Tel Aviv University authorities have undertaken to pay their staff whatever benefits are won by the Hebrew University's academic staff.

A clause in the collective agreement between the university and the staff members assures the staff that their working conditions will be equal to those of their Jerusalem counterparts. The staff have often complained that they are not getting all the benefits which are given to Jerusalem professors.

Striking doctors adopt new 'pressure tactics'

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A meeting between leaders of the 6,000 striking doctors and Health Minister Victor Shemtov and Kupat Holim officials continued in Jerusalem late last night in a new effort to end the 11-day strike.

Earlier in the day the doctors decided on measures to increase pressure on the Government.

In the first of four measures they adopted at a medical council meeting in Tel Aviv in the afternoon, the doctors decided that instead of receiving patients only at certain aid centers, they would now also receive them at their homes. This means that Kupat Holim will have to compensate its members for these office calls. In addition, the doctors will raise their fees for these visits from IL25 to IL30.

Another measure forbids paid health authorities to issue medical certificates to incoming and outgoing passenger ships. This lack of medical clearance will make it impossible for ships to land or leave.

T.A. lifeguards end strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — This city's lifeguards, who have been striking on and off for the last two weeks, will be back on the beaches today after acceding to a plea from Labour Council head Uri Alpert.

They agreed to go back after being promised "meaningful negotiations"

J'lem abattoir hit by strike

By MICHAEL DeCASTRO
The shocktime (slaughterers) at the Jerusalem municipal abattoir in Shu'afat went on strike yesterday, ostensibly because new hygienic equipment had been installed. The strike cut off the city's supply of fresh kosher beef and lamb.

The strikers, who are employed by the Religious Council, claim that the installation of IL250,000 worth of new equipment by the city worsens their working conditions. The Municipality plans to invest a like amount on future improvements.

The strikers claim that the new equipment improves working conditions for other slaughterhouse workers at their expense. They demand a return to the old method of slaughtering on the floor until a new contract, involving the new equipment, can be worked out.

"Idiotic, nonsense," were the words used by the municipality's spokesman, Itzhak Grossman, in describing the strike.

The Religious Council, presently conducting negotiations in an effort to end the walkout, claims the new equipment is not the real reason for the strike. "They want better overall benefits — more pay, work clothes allowances, etc. They used the equipment issue to snowball this into a strike," the Religious Council's spokesman said.

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The doctors also decided to instruct their members working at Kupat Holim hospitals to admit all patients without asking questions — even those who are not Kupat Holim members. This is likely to upset the hospital bookkeeping, spokesman for the doctors said.

The employers — the Government and Kupat Holim — have offered a 45-per cent salary increase. The doctors, however, prefer to discuss base and fee salary figures. They claim that the Government's figures are based on averages, including night and extra duties, which are not the same for all doctors. They insist that the basic pay for a starting doctor be raised to IL1,000 from the present IL475.

of their 100-per cent increase pay claim.

The lifeguards, who boycotted the beaches over the weekend, made their decision at a meeting in Beit Bremner last night with leaders of the Tel Aviv Municipal Employees Union (to which their organization is affiliated) and a Labour Council delegation led by Mr. Alpert. Earlier that day they had walked off the beaches at 2 p.m., saying they planned "to work like all other city employees do" if not given special emoluments.

The lifeguards say they are entitled to higher pay since they put in 11 hours a day every single day for six months. But the City points out that they continue to receive a regular salary even during the six winter months in which they do not work.

The lifeguards' demands have been branded "grossly exorbitant," both by the Labour Council and by the Municipal Employees Union.

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By SEAYIA SHAPIRO
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THREE WHO CAME BACK. — President Ephraim Katzir and (left to right) freed Israeli pilots Boaz Eytan, Pinhas Nahmani, and Gideon Magen at the reception the President gave in Jerusalem yesterday to mark the return of the men from three years in Syrian jails. Also at the reception were Prime Minister Golda Meir, who was meeting the three for the first time since their June 3 return; Defense Minister Moshe Dayan; the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar; Air Force Commander Benny Peled; senior officers and members of the pilots' families. Expressing the joy of "all the family of Israel" at the men's liberation, Mrs. Meir said she saw each prisoner's return as a sign of hope for the freeing of those still in captivity. (Roth)

250 foreign delegates at women journalists' parley

By JUDY PERES
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Some 250 participants from abroad arrived in Jerusalem yesterday for the world's largest international convention of women journalists to date — the third meeting of the World Association of Women Journalists and Writers (AWMJE).

Despite such incidents as the downing of a Libyan airliner over Sinai and the Israeli raid on Beirut — which nearly caused the convention to be cancelled last March — 100 more delegates registered than were expected. Bella Almog, chairman of the convention's organizing committee, told The Post at the Shalom Hotel yesterday that this makes it the biggest convention ever of women journalists.

38 COUNTRIES.
Mrs. Almog, who is modern living editor of "Yediot Aharanot" and chairman of the women's section of the Israeli Journalists Association (which gets most of the credit for organizing the convention), said 38 countries are represented by the foreign delegates. They include Korea, Hongkong and Japan, as well as the countries of Africa and North and South America. The biggest

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delegation — 110 participants — comes from the U.S.

Among the delegates is Betty Friedman, author of "The Feminine Mystique" and national leader of NOW (National Organization of Women) in the U.S.

The convention opens officially at Beit Agron tonight in the presence of Prime Minister Golda Meir. The opening ceremony will be followed by a reception at Beit Hamandash next door, to be given by Gloria Salas de Calderon, president of AWMJE and head of the Mexican delegation.

The working sessions of the conference will be held from tomorrow until Friday at the Shalom Hotel. The foreign delegates will then spend the weekend at 24 different kibbutzim, and will use the following week to tour the country. The meeting ends on June 27.

Savings bonds to be good as collateral

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Exporters will be able to use their compulsory Savings Loan Bonds (Milve Hisachon) as collateral for loans from State funds or commercial banks, under a draft amendment to the Savings Loan Law which the Cabinet yesterday referred to the Committee of Economic Ministers.

The exporters would first have to get Commerce Ministry approval before they could pledge their Savings Loan bonds.

Skeleton found in Sderot field

ASHKELON. — A man's skeleton was found last week near Or Haner, outside Sderot, by a tractor driver who was clearing thorns from a field.

Found along with the skeleton were tattered clothes and documents, including an illegible identity card. The man was tentatively identified as David Yanoch, 50, a Mekorot watchman from Ashkelon who disappeared a year ago. His daughter identified a wallet, containing money, found on the remains. Yanoch is believed to have collapsed and died while on his way to Or Haner. A search is being made for the weapon he had with him at the time. (Tim)

Man killed as tractor overturns

A West Bank man, Muhammad Taled Darash, 51, was killed Friday night when the tractor on which he was riding turned over near Naballa, on the Latrun-Ramallah road.

The tractor's driver, Zvi Dehan, was taken to hospital seriously injured. Darash's body was transferred to the Abu Kabir Institute for Forensic Medicine Institute.

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The Family.

Reckless drive pays dearly for going to court

TEL AVIV. — A man who tried to try his chances in court rather than pay a IL50 ticket for driving recklessly on the shoulder of a road was yesterday ordered to pay a IL200 fine, and had his licence suspended for two weeks.

The driver, Asher Shlitz, a glazier from Jaffa, was told by the Court Judge Haim Gamzu, would have suspended your licence for a much longer period if the permitted.

The judge added that Mr. Shlitz's offence was not only an act of contempt, thoughtlessness complete disregard for the safety of other drivers, but was also gross.

A. Goldrat, ex-M.K., dies

TEL AVIV. — Journalist and Knesset member Avraham Y. Goldrat died yesterday in Tel He was 60.

Goldrat, who was born in Poland to Israel when he was 1 served as editor of "Hayesod" worked on a number of other papers, including "Ma'ariv" and "Hatzofe."

He had been a member of the National Religious Party and before his death was director of the Ramat Ramat Library. He survived by his wife and two children.

The funeral will leave the Aviv Municipal Funeral Parlor Rehov Dafna at 2.30 p.m. to the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

Second Aliya veteran buried in Ein Harod

EIN HAROD. — Atara Shum founder of this kibbutz and a veteran of the Hashomer Haim St. was laid to rest here yesterday ceremony attended by many fellow-members of the kibbutz.

After lying in state in the kibbutz dining hall, her body was placed in a grave beside her husband, killed in the riots of 1933. She was 80 and her grandsons — all killed in the Holocaust — were present. The eulogy was delivered by I. Eran, a long-time friend who is a self a bereaved mother. Two by Rachel, from whom the kibbutz learned Hebrew, were recited. Wreaths from David Gurion and Moshe Dayan were laid on the grave.

Yoel Artzi, at 74

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TIBERIAS. — Yoel Artzi (La one of the veterans of Kibbutz ganya Aleph, "mother of the kibbutz," died in the settlement today. He was 74.

Artzi immigrated from Poland in 1920 and settled in Deganya, a kibbutz in the Tzfat region, where he worked in the Tzfat marketing company. He lost an Air Force pilot, after the Day War.

The funeral will be in the kibbutz at three p.m.

Theodor Ben-Amar Ashkelon pioneer laid to rest

ASHKELON. — Hundreds of Ashkelonites yesterday attended funeral of Theodor Ben-Amar, an Ashkelon pioneer and former City Engineer, who died Saturday.

Ben-Amar was born in Russia and completed his studies in Tzfat. After serving for 10 years as Ashkelon's City Engineer, he went into private practice as an architect. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, a teacher, and two sons.

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ADVICE FOR DRIVERS

Insurance firms may not ask owner to pay customs in total-loss cases

By DAVID KRIVINE

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Insurance companies are charging car-owners, in the event of an accident, a total loss — something they should pay — the duty on the car. This was reached last week both by the Insurance Company of America, and by the Insurance Company of Israel, Dr. Plicker, after an inquiry undertaken by the Insurance Company of America.

A tax-free car becomes a write-off when the owner receives lump-sum compensation equal to its value prior to the accident. But the insurance company is entitled to the value of the car less than four years.

Companies have up to now made grant pay the duty. In so doing, they are in a position which is clearly a trap for the owner. A number of immigrants who fell victim to this trap have suffered losses that, according to the authorities, are published in an article on this subject.

23 ("Immigrant must pay duty on tax-free car"). Several letters were subsequently sent from afflicted readers, one sent in by a woman immigrant in the U.S., a divorcee with a small

Saab, either via repair or replacement. Now she finds it will neither be repaired nor replaced, because for IL30,000 there is no 1972 Saab to be had — much less for IL30,000 minus an undefined customs charge.

Upon receiving her letter, The Post took the case up, and asked for an interview with Mr. Peled. He decided to make this a test issue, and instructed the Jerusalem Customs to value the wreck. Their verdict: the customs that must be levied comes to IL10,700. If the immigrant has to pay that, she will be left with IL19,300 — though she had insured the car for IL40,000.

At a second meeting with Mr. Peled, attended also by Leon Avigdor, Chief of Valuations, the following conclusion was reached: the customs charge must be levied, but the agency responsible for paying it is the insurance company, not the car owner.

Second, the tax assessment of IL10,700 is based on an estimate that the market value of the car today is not IL30,000 but IL25,000. "I am ready to give this woman a certificate that this is the assessment made by our valuers — and she can show it to the insurance company," Mr. Avigdor said.

Finally, in order to ease the situation of this particular immigrant until the whole subject can be cleared up, the Customs Department reduced her tax from IL10,700 to IL3,355. "We have decided, in this hardship case, to estimate the damage at 90 per cent," Mr. Avigdor concluded.

One of the startling aspects of the subject is that the customs levied on the sale of a wreck, which has been declared a total loss, should be as high as IL10,700. The explanation, of course, is that it is not a total loss at all. The insurance company made it one by refusing to pay more than IL15,000 for repairs.

Their calculation is simple. By undervaluing the car when assessing for lump-sum compensation, and by writing off a damaged vehicle as total loss though it is not so, the cost to them of the whole operation comes only to IL15,000.

Their outlay on compensation is IL30,000 (instead of IL35,000). Their recovery from salvage is, say, IL15,000 (on which they pay no tax). Therefore their net outlay is IL15,000 — which is why it is not worth their while to spend IL20,000 on repairs.

We consulted Dr. Plicker on this subject. It emerged that after reading the article of March 23 in The Post, he had written to Mr. Peled, seeking an exchange of views. Dr. Plicker agrees that the obligation to pay the tax in these cases falls on the insurance company, not the car owner. "The burden on the companies after all, is negligible," he explained. Only 5 per cent of the car insurance premium is costed to cover total loss. Salvage recovery, say, one-fifth of the outlay. Immigrants — the only people subject to a tax

problem of this kind — account for no more than 10 per cent of the cases ("and even that is an exaggeration," he added). So the financial burden according to the companies from shouldering the tax themselves should be less than one per cent of their premium income.

Concerning the problem of low valuation (which understates the true cost of replacement), Dr. Plicker observed that a bill is now being prepared to tighten the supervision of assessors. They should be exposed to the same scrutiny for professional standards as doctors, lawyers and auditors. Meanwhile, if a person considers a certain valuation too low, he should call on an assessor of his own to give a second opinion, Dr. Plicker suggests.

But The Post would like to bring a point of principle to the notice of the legislators. It seems wrong that an insurance company, or any other body which has to make payments based on a valuation, should be permitted to employ its own assessor to make valuation. A wage-earner cannot be objective in determining how much or how little his own employer must disburse to an outsider.

Independent office

It is hard enough to maintain objective standards among self-employed professionals, because they too have an interest in pleasing the big customer. But it is possible to expect more from an independent office which has a reputation to maintain than a salaried man who is hired and fired at the whim of the company he serves.

Finally, a warning to persons who take out an insurance policy. The company may levy a fat premium if you insure your car for a fat sum, but they are not obliged to pay you that sum when the time comes. The fine print says they have to pay the amount of the policy or the market value of the car prior to the accident, whichever is less.

Do not under-insure either. If your car is worth IL30,000 and you insure it for IL20,000, you may be in trouble. Should you put in a claim for a relatively minor repair of, say, IL4,000, the company will quite possibly declare the car a total loss (which they are entitled to do), pay you your IL20,000, and sell the car for IL30,000. They will make a profit of IL4,000 (IL10,000 minus the cost of repair) — and you will have lost IL4,000.

A way out could be to require the following service. Any person taking out an insurance policy for a car should be entitled, against a small payment (like IL20), to require the company to make a valuation of his car for insurance purposes. And the company should give a written undertaking to pay that sum in the event of total loss, should the accident happen within three months of the date of the policy — provided there was no other accident since valuation, and provided also there is no change in the official price of the model, new.

15 held in fatal brawl

ACRE. — A dozen Galilee villagers arrested after a fight that left one man dead and four other villagers seriously injured were yesterday ordered held for 15 days.

The fight, at Tamra village late Thursday night, reportedly grew out of a dispute between the Ham-busi and Jarbwan families over a girl. Two of the men whom Acre Magistrate Faris Fahal remanded yesterday — Ahmed and Mahmud Jarbwan — are suspected of fatally stabbing Abdullah Muhammed Ham-busi during the fight. Ham-busi's 50-year-old mother is among the injured. (Him.)

Bank robbers get 12 years

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two bank robbers were yesterday sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment each by the Tel Aviv District Court.

The president of the court, Dr. Ze'ev Zelizer, also ordered the court's judgment to be circulated among the other judges of the court. "The court that dealt previously with Meir Ben Lahu (23, of Beit Dagan) and Shimon Pony (22, of Bat Yam) were lenient, giving them an incentive to commit graver crimes. Like the one we are dealing with today," he said.

The two, together with David Tsarfati and Eliahu Zada (who were recently arrested in the Netherlands, and are to be extradited to Israel), robbed the Axa branch of Bank Leumi on May last year. The four were armed with two Uzi sub-machineguns and two pistols. They took IL4,100. David Tsarfati turned state witness. Severin Schratzer, Deputy Tel Aviv District Attorney, demanded the maximum punishment (20 years) or close to it. "Only by handing out harsh punishment will the court be able to curb the rash of bank robberies," he said.

Defending the two were Ya'acov Hagler and Aharon Benjamin. District Judges Moshe Gelsky and Shulamit Wallenstein were also on the bench.



The Sephardi Union Choir of Mexico, one of the scheduled participants in the Eighth Zimriya.

14 choirs from abroad coming for 8th Zimriya

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Eighth Zimriya, the tri-annual international choir meet, will open at Binyanei Ha'Ooma in Jerusalem on July 4. Aharon Propes, the initiator and director of the meet, told the press here yesterday. The first Zimriya took place in 1952.

Fourteen foreign choirs and 19 Israeli ones are taking part in this year's event. Only two of the invited choirs are staying away, because their governments refused to sanction the trip: the Jewish Community Choir of Yugoslavia (which, incidentally, is made up mostly of

non-Jews), and the Greek railway-men's choir, Apollon. The other participants come from Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, South Africa, Switzerland, Mexico and the U.S. All the foreign choirs and two or three Israeli ensembles will appear in the opening concert in Jerusalem and will repeat the performance at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium the following night, July 5.

After these concerts, which will be open to the public, the participants will split into groups — two foreign and one Israeli ensemble in each — to tour Israel and sing in army installations and kibbutzim. On July 9 selected teams will meet at Beit El-Hayal in Tel Aviv for a marathon evening to sing as long as they wish.

The event will cost the Zimriya Committee (which is headed by Emma Shaver) some IL220,000, obtained from the Ministry of Tourism. All participants pay their own way, but their stay here as well as their travel in Israel are covered by the organizing committee.

New rules at Lod to foil smugglers

LOD AIRPORT. — Strict curbs on entry into the incoming passengers' customs hall are to go into effect here as the result of a series of smuggling attempts. The Airport customs collector Yosef Ostrov told him yesterday that recently a number of persons had been caught in the hall greeting arriving passengers and helping them to sneak electrical goods through the customs' "green line." He said the new policy would eventually keep everyone other than passengers out of the hall.

The first of the cases, which has already gone to court, involves a young woman tourist from the U.S. who was found trying to bring in 30 radios and other electrical items, including a number of parts for stereo systems.

The young tourist was found to be carrying a list of names of persons she should be no different in this matter between Lod and London or Paris, where greeters are not allowed in the hall. (Him.)

Describing the various smuggling methods used, Mr. Ostrov said one was for the incoming smuggler to give some of his baggage to another arrival so as to pass unnoticed before the customs men with only one or two bags. The customs collector admitted that not all the smuggled goods were for resale and that some of the items were brought in only for the personal use of the recipient. But he noted that the customs loss on each such item could run into thousands of pounds.

Up to now, officials have been letting elderly persons, invalids, pregnant women and others into the hall on humanitarian grounds to greet arrivals, Mr. Ostrov said. But some of them too have abused this privilege. The collector declared that there should be no differences in this matter between Lod and London or Paris, where greeters are not allowed in the hall. (Him.)

Tel Aviv thefts reduced by 40%

TEL AVIV. — Burglaries in the Tel Aviv Police District have been reduced by 40 per cent in the past two months, the district police spokesman, Chief Superintendent Amos Aricha, said yesterday.

He said police investigators had recently arrested scores of suspects, including Jews and Arabs from the Bat Yam and Holon areas, who belonged to three large gangs operating independently. One of the gangs had stolen IL250,000 worth of textiles from factories there, the spokesman said. (Him.)

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

A survey made by the Absorption revealed that of new immigrants for Hebrew newspapers, a first two months of here: only 7 per cent could read Hebrew.

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400,000 VISITORS SEE 'ISRAEL '73'

The "Israel '73" exhibition in Tel Aviv, which runs until June 23, has already welcomed 400,000 visitors, Fair Director Eliahu Almagor told members of the Knesset Economics Committee. The Committee spent the weekend at the Tel Aviv Exhibition Grounds, site of the fair.

Mr. Almagor said the exhibition, although designed mainly for foreign buyers and delegates to the just-ended Economic Conference, has attracted large numbers of Israelis. He predicted the show would be seen by half a million people before it closes.

Committee chairman Avraham Shechterman regretted that the exhibitors had put more effort into the outward appearance of the pavilions than into interesting the public in the goods for sale within. To reach the public, Mr. Shechterman asserted, exhibitors should be more ready to sell objects on display, and should emphasize that local goods are as good as imported ones.

He expressed his amazement that

agriculture, which is the basis of all Israeli fairs held up to now, is almost completely ignored this time.

Hammer calls for 5-day work week

Deputy Education and Culture Minister Zviulun Hammer yesterday called for Israel to adopt the five-day work week.

Speaking to high school pupils in Jerusalem, Mr. Hammer said there was no reason not to go over to a system "which is in force in all Western countries and has proved itself in every way."

Mr. Hammer, who is a member of the National Religious Party, said the five-day week would greatly reduce desecration of the Sabbath and prevent friction between religious and non-religious sections of the community. He added that surveys have indicated strong public support for the shorter week, and that this system has worked out well for those enterprises which have already adopted it.

Mr. Hammer described opponents of the idea as devotees of an outmoded philosophy of "lots and lots of work."

Jewish Agency budgets to help solve social gap

Jerusalem Post Reporter

At least 70 per cent of the Jewish Agency budget that is not earmarked for immigration and absorption will be allocated to solving problems caused by Israel's social and economic gap — such as social welfare, health, and higher education.

This was stated last week by Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Arye Pincus at a meeting with the "young guard" of the Labour Party in Tel Aviv. The Zionist movement and the Jewish Agency had to be involved in attempts to solve Israel's social problems, because "Zionist solutions" were required and not formulas copied from other countries, he said.

Gov't to expand working youth training scheme

Labour Minister Yosef Almog yesterday announced plans to expand his Ministry's apprentice-training programme, including possible extension of the study week from one day to two.

Mr. Almog, speaking to an Apprenticeship Council meeting in Jerusalem, said the programme was now serving some 15,000 working youths below the ages of 14 and 18, who get three-year part-time courses in auto mechanics, metal work, electricity and other trades. Definite plans for strengthening the programme include giving the youths 12 days of paid Gadna service a year (instead of the three or four they get now), and a free lunch every day they go to school. A special fund has been set up to finance the Gadna payment, he said.

The Labour Minister said the programme was improving its training methods. He stressed it could do much to lessen the gap between working youth and those who stay in school.

THE CARMELIT, Haifa's underground funicular railway, will be shut down between tomorrow morning and Saturday night for replacement of its cable. This is a regular maintenance job done every four years.

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Vietcong fire on ICCS 'copters

Reuter). — Two brightly illuminated Communist helicopters came under fire as Communist and South Vietnamese forces battled on the ground in the vicinity of An Loc city — a South Vietnamese government outpost in the midst of old territory about 130 miles from Saigon.

Officials of the ICCS (International Control Commission) said the helicopters were flying over the territory when they came under fire. One was hit and the ICCS officials said it was the first shooting incident since the four-nation observer force since the order for cessation of all hostilities on Friday.

Attacks on ICCS observers from Communist forces in the past 4½ months have been from Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia and North Vietnam.

The latest attack on the ICCS outpost in the Central Highlands near Kontum city, a major target in the Communist large-scale offensive last year.

A command spokesman reported that the heaviest fighting of the latest truce in the Central Highlands near Kontum city, a major target in the Communist large-scale offensive last year.

He gave details of a big battle a few kilometres west of the city just after the cease-fire in which 58 government soldiers are still missing. Two others were killed and 12 were wounded.

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UPI). — West Berlin's Schuetz said yesterday that German soldiers are now as a revolt in the East German capital.

Schuetz said that the revolt was a result of the East German government's policy of "peace with honour" and that the soldiers were now fighting for the West.

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Pregnant woman camps out to save room fees

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP). — A Salt Lake City woman has given birth to a 7-pound, 3-ounce girl after waiting more than a month in a camper in a hospital parking lot to avoid \$75-per-day room charges.

Ruth Egan lived 35 minutes away from Latter-Day Saints Hospital after doctors had said she should stay in the hospital because of potentially dangerous complications in her pregnancy.

After keeping her in the hospital several days, administrators agreed to let the Egan family keep their truck and camper unit in the hospital parking lot, a few steps from the emergency entrance.

"Everyone was caught up in the romance of this unique case," said L. Brent Goates, chief administrator, adding that her doctor, nurses and other employees made daily visits to the camper.

Volunteer babysitters took care of the Egan's other children and friends sat at her side when her husband was at work. He spent nights with her in the camper.

After the birth this week Mrs. Egan and the baby were in excellent condition.

ndhi leaves Belgrade, ns of 'rich man's club'

Indian Premier Indira Gandhi left here by special train for Yugoslavia after talks with Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito and Prime Minister Vukobratovic.

In her delegation said Mrs. Gandhi's visit was a sign of India's interest in the Balkans.

Mrs. Gandhi gave no indication that the non-aligned countries would take active measures with regard to the Middle East conflict. When asked of the possibility of such measures, she said: "We can only urge a more realistic approach to the Middle East. We stand by the United Nations resolution."

(Reuter, UPI)

23 hurt as quake hits Japanese isle

NEMURO, Japan (UPI). — A strong earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale yesterday shook Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island, and was felt 925 km. away in Tokyo, the Japanese seismological centre said.

Residents of low-lying coastal areas moved inland to escape possible tidal waves, authorities said.

However, the highest waves were 1.95 metres above normal in this port city in northeast Hokkaido, and the quake itself did little damage other than open cracks in the earth in some places, the seismological centre said.

Police said 23 persons in Nemuro and Kizhiro, 112 km. south of here, were hurt at home by falling furniture and fixtures. None was in serious condition.



THE RIGHT ANGLE — American-Chinese relations have progressed from ping-pong diplomacy to swimming diplomacy. Here American swimmer Steve Power shows a group of Chinese swimmers in Canton the angle of entry of hand into water. The U.S. swimming team is touring China. (AP radiophoto)

New Ulster terror group kills again Ireland strengthens its army

BELFAST (UPI). — Northern Ireland's newest terror group — the Protestant Ulster Freedom Fighters — killed again yesterday for the second time in 24 hours, police said.

The group said it had killed James Joseph Kelly, 25, a seaman. It made its announcement 90 minutes after police had found his body.

On Saturday, members of the group said they had killed 17-year-old Daniel Rouse. They said they had killed three Roman Catholics in reprisal for the slaying Friday of Michael Wilson, 18-year-old brother-in-law of Protestant militant leader Tommy Huran.

Police said a man telephoned a Belfast newspaper yesterday and said he and other UFF members had assassinated Kelly.

"We gave him two in the back and one in the head," the man said. A motorist saw Kelly lying beside a main road five miles from Belfast. The motorist thought he was drunk and called the police. Police confirmed Kelly had been shot in the head.

British troops and police were searching yesterday for a third victim.

DUBLIN (AP). — Ireland is planning to beef up its tiny army to meet the threat of violence spilling over from the troubled North.

Two regular battalions will be recruited for duties along the border with British-ruled northern Ireland. Their task will be to ease the lot of soldiers now on duty up to 100 hours a week keeping watch for Irish Republican Army gunmen.

The new battalions will total 1,000 men. Current army strength is 10,500, which is 2,500 below authorized strength.

An army spokesman said the hope is to recruit most of the new strength from the border regions. Local knowledge is important in countering a guerrilla force.

Traditionally, the army has found most of its recruits in Cork, Limerick and Tipperary in the south and west. Recruiting in the border counties of Donegal, Cavan, Louth and Monaghan will get into top gear once the harvest is in.

British officials privately welcomed announcement of the new battalions as a sign that the Republic's national coalition government means business against the IRA.

Lebanese killed by terrorists at road-block

BEIRUT (AP). — Four Palestinian terrorists shot and killed a Lebanese citizen when he refused to stop his car at a terrorist road-block here early yesterday, police reported.

They said the terrorist leadership had disclaimed responsibility for setting up the roadblock, near the main Beirut stadium, and had given up to police two of the four men involved in the shooting.

The two were expected to be indicted on charges of premeditated murder, punishable either by death or life imprisonment, court sources said.

There was no sign of counteraction by the Lebanese army, whose clashes with the terrorists last month left more than 1,000 people dead and wounded.

The army-terrorist agreements which ended the fighting emphasized, among other things, removal of terrorist roadblocks and a cessation of arbitrary detention of Lebanese citizens by the terrorists.

Franjeh to consult on new gov't

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh will today begin consultations with communal and political factions in the Lebanese parliament for the formation of a new government.

Franjeh over the weekend accepted the resignation of Premier Amin al-Hafar's seven-week-old cabinet which was jolted by last month's fighting between the Lebanese army and the terrorists.

There have been no candidates mentioned to head the new government. Franjeh appears to be undecided over whether to choose another young politician to concentrate on domestic issues and leave foreign and security affairs for the President, or a traditional political leader to form a wide coalition cabinet.

Aide will say Haldeman had prior notice of Watergate break-in

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — An aide to former White House Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman plans to tell the Senate Watergate committee that Mr. Haldeman was sent advance word of the Watergate break-in and bugging, the "Washington Post" said yesterday.

The aide, Gordon Strachan, who, like Mr. Haldeman, has resigned his government post, was described by "Washington Post" sources as the man who can put 10 ropes around Mr. Haldeman's neck.

According to the paper, Mr. Strachan will testify to the committee that everything Jeb Stuart Magruder told him he also told Mr. Haldeman.

Mr. Magruder testified before the committee last week that he kept Mr. Strachan fully briefed either by telephone or by documents during each stage of the Watergate operation. He added that he assumed Mr. Strachan passed all the information to Mr. Haldeman.

Mr. Magruder was deputy director of President Nixon's re-election committee at the time of the break-in and bugging of the Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate building a year ago yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Gallup Poll reported that two out of every three Americans questioned believed that President Nixon was involved, at least to some degree, in the Watergate affair. But about half of those surveyed dismissed the affair as "just politics — the kind of thing that both parties engage in," the poll reported.

In other developments, John Dean, the former White House lawyer who claims he can link the President with the Watergate cover-up, Saturday met Senate Watergate investigators in a closed session for five hours and gave answers "quite different from any public testimony given so far," sources said.

The former presidential counsel emerged from a committee room without saying a word after interrogation by Watergate committee lawyers.

Once having been sworn in and granted limited immunity from prosecution for anything he might say, Dean answered all questions. Rufus Edmisten, committee deputy counsel, told reporters.

"Was he cooperative? Most definitely," Edmisten said. "He was very frank."

The Senate committee will question Mr. Dean behind closed doors today. Tomorrow he will tell his story, again to the committee, but this time in public and before national television.

And in another development the "New York Times" yesterday quoted sources close to the Watergate case as saying that Mr. Dean has told government investigators that Egil Krogh, who resigned as under-secretary of transportation in May, had told him last January that orders for the burglary of files belonging to Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist had come "from the Oval Office" of President Nixon.

Mr. Krogh was one of the directors of the so-called "plumbers group" assigned by President Nixon to investigate Dr. Ellsberg after the Pentagon Papers were published in June, 1971. The burglary of the psychiatrist's office took place in Beverly Hills, California, in September 1971.

Johnson believed Kennedy death was 'retaliation'

NEW YORK (UPI). — Late President Lyndon Johnson believed that President Kennedy was slain in retaliation for a thwarted assassination attempt by a Central Intelligence Agency-backed team in Havana, a former Johnson aide said in an article published yesterday.

In an article in "Atlantic Monthly," Leo Janos, now a "Time" magazine correspondent, said that the LBJ aide told him in a conversation at the LBJ ranch "I never believed Oswald acted alone, although I can accept that he pulled the trigger."

Janos quoted Johnson as saying that when he took office after the assassination he found "we had been operating a damned incorporation at the LBJ ranch 'I never believed Caribbean'."

Janos did not quote the late President about the specifics of the alleged CIA assassination plot in Havana, nor the target of such a plot. But he said: "A year before Kennedy's death a CIA-backed assassination team had been picked up in Havana."

Johnson speculated that Dallas had been a retaliation for this thwarted attempt, although he could not prove it," Janos said.

Johnson told him "After the Warren Commission reported in, I asked (then Attorney-General) Ramsey Clark to quietly look into the whole thing. Only two weeks later he reported back that he couldn't find anything new."

In his reminiscence of Johnson in retirement, Janos said the late President once described the advice he gave his outgoing Cabinet members: "Each of you had better leave this town clean as Eisenhower's home's tooth. The first thing Democrats do when they take power is find were the control levers are. But the first thing Republicans do is investigate Democrats. I don't know why they do it — but you can count on it."

Janos said that the reason Johnson did not run for re-election in 1968 was that he believed he would not live through his term, and in 1967 had launched a secret actuarial study on his life expectancy.

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Quartet in red berets

By HIRSH GOODMAN

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

One is an ordained rabbi, the second a physics student. The third, though only 22, is already married and a full-time yeshiva student by profession, while the "baby" of the quartet is still doing his compulsory service. The four have two things in common: they are brothers, all the sons of Reb Eliezer Rosenfeld, the Giv'atayim shohet (ritual slaughterer), and they are all paratroopers.

The four, Ben-Zion, 25, Naphtali, 23, Moshe, 22 and 19-year-old Shalom, made history last Friday when they became the first four brothers in the I.D.F. to jump together.

The initiative for organizing the jump came from the brothers themselves, who felt that the event would give their 63-year-old father "plenty of naches." Reb Eliezer, they explained, had lost his first family in the Holocaust, and since his arrival in Israel from Hungary in 1946 had dedicated himself to building up a new family of sabras — a family whose sons would rigidly adhere to the principles of the Jewish religion, while at the same time would be typical of a new breed of Jew equipped so as to ensure that the Holocaust would not be allowed to recur.

There are three more in the family. There is an eight-and-a-half-year-old boy, a girl of 15 and a 16-year-old son who has horrified the family by stating his intention of joining the Armoured Corps. "But we are working on him," Naphtali assured Chief Paratrooper and Infantry Officer, Tat-Ahuf Emanuel Shaked, when the family met "Manu" after the jump on Friday.

The brothers are all products of yeshivot, but none of them intends mak-



From left: Ben-Zion, Naphtali, Eliezer, Moshe and Shalom Rosenfeld

ing religion his profession. Ben-Zion, the ordained rabbi, is currently studying history at Bar-Ilan and intends enrolling for a course in mathematics this year. Next in line, Naphtali, is in second year physics at the same university, while Moshe will soon be leaving the yeshiva at Kfar Etzion to take up a high-school teaching post. Shalom, who has just completed an N.C.O. training course with a paratroop battalion, is unclear as to what he wants to do in the future, "but then I still have a long time to think about it."

Though they don't intend following in their father's footsteps professionally,

the four do intend having large families — "that's one thing we learned at home. There is no greater pleasure," said Naphtali.

Eliezer's pride in his sons was obvious. He waited for their safe landing together with several score members of the family and friends, armed with cakes and cold drinks. He had never seen a paratrooper drop before in his life, let alone any of his sons in action. The mother was not on hand to greet the brothers, "she said she could not stand the tension," said Eliezer, "so she stayed at home preparing for the Sabbath."

The family rejoicing was shaken slightly by a rumour mentioned at the party with Tat-Ahuf Shaked. One of officers present mentioned that he had heard about a family of five brot serving with the paratroops. Gasp! disbelief greeted the statement. "after some initial argument Reb El turned to 'Manu' and said: 'Would there were 50 such families...'"

Water crisis in Britain

By FABIAN AOKER

THE current concern in England over water shortages might seem as absurd as concern in Israel over lack of sunshine. But a looming crisis over shrinking supplies of water in the U.K. is now jolting many of its citizens out of their well known "it couldn't happen here" attitudes. That traditional prop of polite conversation in railway carriages — the weather — has now moved out into the laboratory.

England is now facing a drought. Underground sources of water are seriously depleted and in a country infamous for wet summers advertisements are beginning to appear urging economy with water. Barring unprecedented rain storms in the next week or so, traditional English pastimes like watering the garden on Saturday, or washing the car on Sunday will be severely curtailed. More important, crops could fail (some already have) and industries using water might have to pay higher prices for this apparently dwindling resource. (Although the average Englishman is pained to discover that it takes 200 tons of water to make a ton of steel, he is horrified to discover that it takes 120 litres of water to make a litre of beer.)

The question that the scientists are trying to answer now is whether the problem is temporary, and "muddling through" is an adequate answer, or whether it's permanent, and something drastic has to be done. The answer hinges on another question: is the weather changing?

Although every year produces its list of the longest, smallest, wettest, driest, month, day, spring, or autumn these in themselves are not indicative of any general trends. Yet this does not stop a host of theories being developed. There are the 200 year cycle and the 50 year cycle theories which are based on recurring weather patterns and give contradictory results. Some say an ice age is ending, some say it is just beginning.

It is admittedly a very difficult subject to analyse mainly because precise data is lacking for a sufficiently long period. Even short-term forecasting is only slightly better than chance.

Yet it is clear that, on a global basis, water resources are fixed, and population is rising. Sooner or later, there will not be enough water to go round unless one or both of these factors are modified. Even if England escapes a drought this summer, eventually some limitations on the demand for water will have to be imposed. England is about to experience what Israel has lived with for the last 25 years. In this frame of mind, solutions which were once dismissed as fantasies are now entertained in earnest.

One is to tow icebergs from the Arctic Circle down through the

Atlantic, and allow them to melt in suitable reservoirs just inside the coastline. (It is well known that as salt water freezes, the ice formed is salt free, and one desalination process is based on this fact.) Icebergs are not uncommon in the North Atlantic. One sunk the Titanic.

More prosaic, and of interest to Israelis because of work already undertaken here, is the development of desalination to supplement water supplies. The recent success of the Kogan-Rose technique in Haifa was noted in certain sections of the British scientific press with a tinge of envy. This is not to say that a process that is suitable for Israel can be used in England, but certainly desalination will eventually have to be taken seriously, and Israeli experience and know-how might well be sought after.

Water metering is another field in which Israel is in advance of England. At the moment domestic consumers pay a fixed water rate which varies from area to area, but rarely exceeds £2 or £3 a year, and therefore there is no financial incentive to economise in water usage. However, a few days ago, the Commons passed a bill (with only a small majority) which will allow water authorities to install water meters. The Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment said there was little

justice in the fact that the old who lived alone were charged as much as a family of six or seven.

However, you can be sure that when you hear the word "justice" expediency isn't far behind. The injustice which old single people have apparently suffered for the last twenty years or so, has only become intolerable now that supplies are running out. Yet, justice or not, water metering is inevitable, and the consumers will have to fork out something like 500 million to have the instruments installed.

In the meantime water nationalists and public authorities mounting a campaign to water. A letter in "The Times" gets putting a brick in lavatory cistern, thus reducing amount of water flushed down pan. Another letter says it empty gin bottle would serve same purpose and would be pleasant to obtain than a

Once upon a time England's colonies supply its own cal deficiencies. When the was lost the re-adjustment painful and is still to be con But there is no way in others can make up what deficiencies. England, as the Minister puts it, must "eat its own two feet." Perhaps it learn a thing or two from former protectorate — Ps

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We got the French to eat Wimpies

BY JACK GEE
PARIS (Otns).— Sometimes come around Jacques Borel, France's 48-millionaire restaurateur, no fellow gives him more pleasure than a hamburger.

He sold over 40 million since he introduced them in 19 years ago to a Paris who still treats them as a novelty. Borel, 50, is not a big man with sunken cheeks and a thick nose, but he is a kind of a giant in the food world.

He turned a turning point in his career at a time when the French were discovering the joys of self-service restaurants. Borel was reluctant to open a restaurant in London (the British Wimpies name) had to get on with it. He needed cash. He had two birds with one stone: a profitable way of the meat which remains as after the choice pieces are chopped off for steak, and using Lyons as a bait to lure back. Sure enough, hooked Morgan Guaranty the Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas in 1954. Borel had leaped in eagerly and had not time to tread the Wimpies' piece of ground. He had a piece of a big brand name. But it was not mounting on the traditional restaurant was attacking the tired idea made of a slice of the edges and a slice of the day-before-yesterday.

Today represent only a 35 million meals it serves each year in a chain of eating places. It employs 150 company which produce hot 150,000 workers daily. 10 restaurants along motorway network are Borel's, with a silver mouth rather than the type found on his snack. His father was master of BHM-France and

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PROGRESS IN THE 'AREAS' From welfare to self-help

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

FROM support to rehabilitation" is the motto increasingly applied to social welfare activities in the 'Areas' of Judea and Samaria.

It was demonstrated on a tour of projects in the Ramallah area recently by Mr. Moshe Takomi, staff officer for social work in the Military Government. The aim of the tour was to show efforts at self-help by the population, rather than direct help by the Welfare Ministry.

Right after the Six Day War there were about 200,000 welfare cases in Judea and Samaria; this figure has been reduced to 20,000 now, Mr. Takomi said. Support payments rose from 18 per cent of average wages then to 40 per cent now, he added.

He hastened to explain that the booming economy and rising living standards had much to do with the improved welfare situation. Other factors making for the reduction in welfare rolls were improved social work methods including tighter screening of applicants, better medical care, and a shift from straight static help to rehabilitation. Thus 687 families were rehabilitated in 1972, with the number expected to reach 800 this year.

A chief instrument of rehabilitation is a revolving \$10m. loan fund, supplied half by the Government and half by international organizations.

Typical interest-free loans are for \$1,000-\$1,500, repayable over several years. A batch of cheques handed Mr. Takomi for his signature during the tour by the head of the Ramallah area welfare office included several loans for the purchase of goats to help support a family, a loan to help a half-blind man open a village grocery — and funds to assist a widow open a beauty parlour in her village.

The repayment record of borrowers is excellent; defaulting is almost unknown, he said.

Community projects have included the construction of about half of

all classrooms added to village schools. The building of short access roads connecting isolated villages to highways, is an outstanding example of self-help by villagers, guided by the welfare service and international aid societies.

Those roads which formerly were mere dirt paths passable only on foot or mule-back, can now be used by cars and trucks. This is a great boost to the village economy, but another, intangible asset, is the lift to the cooperative spirit among the residents. This spirit of communal responsibility and cooperation is heightened when a joint road is constructed by the inhabitants of several neighbouring villages.

BUILDING A ROAD

To demonstrate this type of mass rehabilitation the press was taken to a road project west of Ramallah, linking two villages to the nearest highway. The villages have a population of about 1,000 each. The six-kilometre road is the biggest such project, most roads being usually only one or one and a half kilometres.

The Lutheran World Federation, which has been active in Judea and Samaria since 1948, is supplying 30 per cent of the \$180,000 cost of the road as an interest-free loan. But the bulk of 70 per cent is being raised by the villagers. Planning started in 1970 and involved great efforts to persuade the residents of the two villages to cooperate with each other. The Military Government helps with tax exemptions and materials.

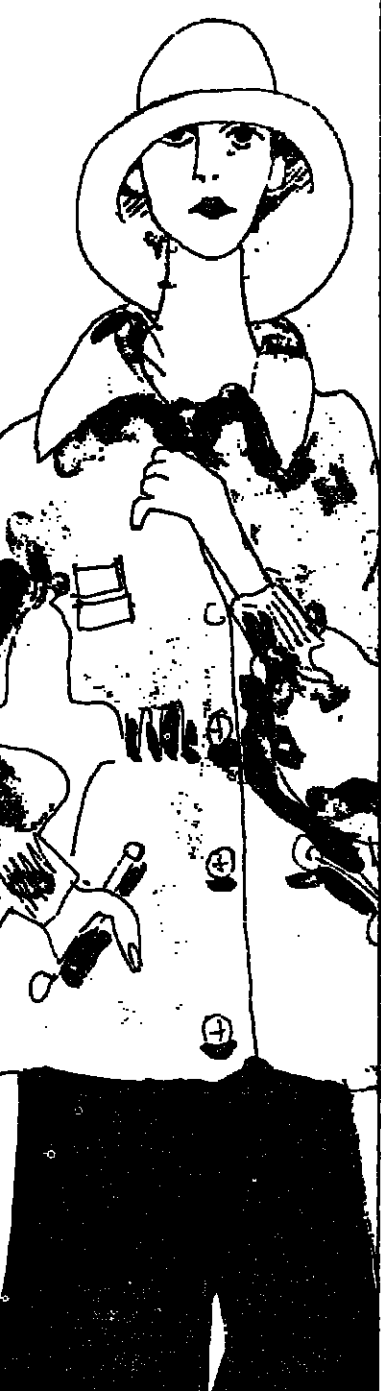
No machinery is used except for the final asphalt. The 50 or so workers are mostly older men and young boys. For every three days of work the men receive gifts of U.S. Government food and parcels of used clothing supplied by the Lutherans. The point is that they volunteer the work — giving up the much higher regular wages they could be earning working on construction in Israel.

The road foundation is laid in the best *habush* pioneering manner, the rocks, which have been brought on mule-back from the



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nearby hills, being crushed with hammers in the road-bed.

In fact the work of throwing rocks from the piles onto the road-bed proceeded so briskly that the journalists clustered about Mr. Takomi who was giving explanations, had to retreat in haste to avoid being hit as the road advanced.

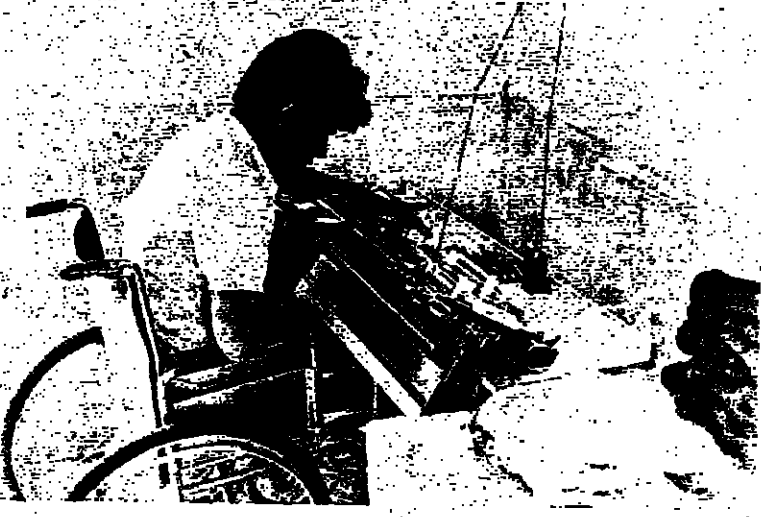
The project is one of 12 similar road improvement jobs covering a total of 15 km.

To demonstrate the individual approach to rehabilitation, the press was taken to the home of Mohammed el-Fakhri, in the village of Kubeiba, near Ramallah. Mohammed, 68, had been working as a chef in a Jaffa Road restaurant in Jerusalem. Two years ago, he hurt his spine while exercising in a gymnasium. The accident left his arms and legs paralysed. After lengthy treatment (free of charge) at Hadassah Hospital, Mohammed can now use his arms, but is still confined to a wheelchair.

WORK INSTEAD DIVORCE

In this case, the continuing rehabilitation probably prevented the break-up of a young family (there are four children) because after the accident his wife's family urged her to get a divorce, rather than remain tied to a crippled husband. The welfare department supports the family and also bought Mohammed a knitting machine, which he uses to exercise his hands. His wife has learned to knit children's wear on it, which she sells to supplement the family income.

For an example of the work done by private charitable organizations, there is the home for retarded children in Ramallah. The home's director, Mrs. Nadia Tarazi, explained that her 48-year-old organization is the oldest in the town, and has run soup kitchens, a clinic, sewing centre and courses in domestic science and child rear-



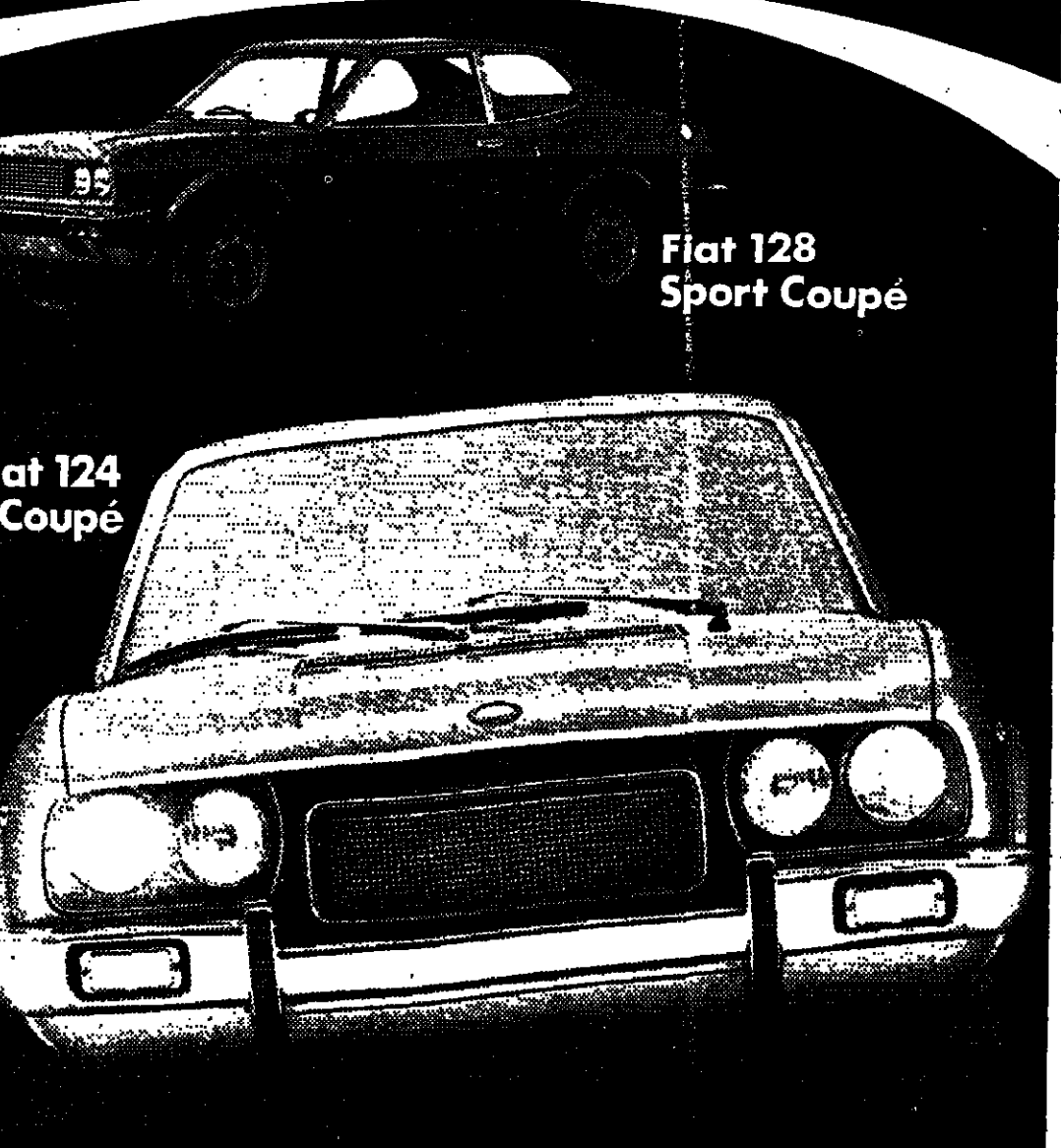
Mohammed el-Fakhri at his knitting machine. (Barzilay)

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Haifa Chemicals moves to black

YAACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Haifa Chemicals, a subsidiary of the Haifa Refinery, is moving its headquarters here, has moved its running-in black. Moreover, it is re-designated "exporter" of \$7.76m. worth of sales in 1972, a new, sophisticated, in 1973.

Manager Israel Ratner says that this year output to 95 per cent of the designed capacity. For small investment, curtailment will boost output at this year.

It began in 1970, but difficulties and currency caused an aggregate of over 11.50m. until last year, it through demand, all but four per cent of its output, with foreign supply.

Now planning to double and start the production in 1977, at an estimated 11.50m. Mr. Ratner says for this year are forecasted at 10m., and profits will cover the accumulated loss.

Haifa Chemicals was founded in 1964, as a subsidiary of the Haifa Refinery and the Haifa Port Authority. The former developed process for making potash for much less than the producer (in the U.S.).

It was the only Israeli ready to risk a and product. It was made from potash (54,000 tons), Neophosphate (52,000 tons) and ammoniacal phosphate.

It said one difficulty was port season for this specialist is in winter when is busy on citrus, and strikes have heavily with shipping schedules.

have also arisen in for because potassium nitrate as a chief component in explosives and fertilizer. It was, though, by a decision, "We had to at effort to persuade in and port people of the

in 1971 and 1972 ammonia were stopped by Haifa Refinery when its broke down. In 1971 Haifa Refinery had a following strike, but stopped last year because of 11.5m. which it has pay. The claim is now being by another round of Taught by experience is now expanding its facilities.

It now employs 280 men, then engineers and scientists. By 1977, capacity is expected to reach 220,000 tons a year, and at least \$22m. It then be the world's largest of potash nitrate.

are keen to up to Israel (AP). — A 24-member business delegation visited a week's visit to Israel and said that it has "a market" for Kenyan beef, and farm produce. Exports to Israel at worth only \$1m. annual imports are worth \$4m.

ans, who attended Israel k in Tel Aviv, said they at several orders from businessmen which would between the two countries

'Inflation driving people to buy diamonds'

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Why are we selling more diamonds now than ever before?" This was the first question asked by Moshe Schimmler, President of the Israel Diamond Exchange and moderator of the Round Table on Diamond Marketing Around the World, held last week at the Israel Diamond Exchange in Ramat Gan. The Round Table was part of Diamond Week, held here from June 10 to 14, with over 180 diamond dealers from 14 countries participating.

There were almost as many answers as participants (from 13 countries), but some general points were representative. For instance, most participants agreed that inflation is driving people to buy goods (including diamonds) because they are afraid their money will buy less as they save it. Some emphasized the purchase of large diamonds by big-time investors and speculators. Others were more interested in the average purchaser who buys small diamonds simply because diamonds are pretty, and are status symbols.

All this is fine — but diamond prices, like all others, are driven up by inflation. How does that affect the market?

Mr. Grun (Denmark): "People buy diamonds because they're expensive, not in spite of it. It's the large stones that really go up in price and those are bought mainly by investors and speculators who can afford to pay. The small diamonds which the average man buys his wife or girl friend are comparatively cheap. A sorter in my firm used to have to work 11 weeks to buy a small ring. Today she can buy the same ring on two weeks' wages."

But the public does not see it that way, as Mr. Friedman of Sears Roebuck (U.S.A.) testified.



GRL'S BEST FRIEND. — Showing off a diamond by Orah of Ramat Gan at Israel Diamond Week which recently brought together 200 of the world's leading diamond merchants.

In the rings seen in the average showcase today, there are less diamonds than there used to be because of the cost. A wedding ring which used to have three rows of diamonds now is made with one row of diamonds in the middle and two rows of colored stones. "Much of the less expensive merchandise sold today is not worth the price. I think we have to do something to see to it that the people who buy

tomers, perhaps, but you can't cheat the profession. If you try to do that, you are just no good."

Mr. Hellpern of Great Britain criticized the mining monopoly which, in his words, "used to be an enlightened monopoly and is becoming less so." He suggested that the dealers present form a committee, representing producers and marketers on all levels, to deal with concrete problems of the business and to "protect whoever needs protection." Mr. Goldstein of South Africa, on the other hand, said mining diamond prices were not the fault of the mining monopoly (which of course is in his country) but rather the fault of the buying public "which is willing to pay any price."

Mr. Schimmler assured the participants he was not fishing for compliments when he asked his final question: "How does Israel stand as a producer and marketer of diamonds?" Solicited or not, compliments were showered right and left. Some stressed pure business considerations: the fact that diamonds bought here are paid for in U.S. dollars, as opposed to other currency arrangements (less convenient under today's monetary conditions) demanded by other suppliers. Others were not ashamed to be sentimental — like the American participant who said simply "God bless Israel" and went on to tell how his own business blossomed since he began trading here. One Israeli participant urged the visitors to state their complaints freely so we can change whatever needs correcting.

"Of course there are problems," said one. "But the proof that we find it desirable to trade here is the very fact that all of us do so. As for the problems, I can only wish that we continue to trade here for at least the next 120 years, problems or not."

GERMAN GROUP TO ESTABLISH TOOL PLANT IN SHLOMIT

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

A TOOL and mechanical components plant, employing 120, is to be set up in Shlomit in western Galilee by the German Neumo group. The plant may work with the adjacent Kibbutz Hanita, also engaged in metal industry. Most of the output will be sold abroad through the parent company, which will also provide basic training for the key workers.

This is the third factory established here by the Neumo group, which has its headquarters in Knittlingen. It manufactures metal and wood-working tools and bakery and printing equipment, and services machines. It has several factories in Germany, France, Switzerland, Holland and Denmark.

Neumo's president, Henry J. Ehrenberg, is a survivor of the German-Jewish underground, and a staunch supporter of Israel. He moved into the local metal industry in 1955, and in 1964 he took over the ailing Vargus enterprise at Nahariya.

In 1968 he set up Egmo, a joint enterprise of Neumo and Egmo, which specializes in producing electrical appliances. Egmo and Vargus are now lodged in one building, with several joint services. Both are booming, and cannot cope with export orders.

HIGH PRECISION
Vargus produces hard-metal tips for cutting screws and threaded surfaces, all of which demand high precision and ability to meet the customers' varied requirements. The equipment is mainly semi-automatic lathes with diamond cutters, but output depends on the skilled workers' attention and good will.

At first the plant used foreign know-how, but gradually it has developed its own techniques. It now competes for the world market on the same footing as established producers, of which there are only half

a dozen in Europe. In 1971 Vargus won a tender for supplying the Swedish company, Bohnan and Schmidt. An order from Volvo is expected to be signed shortly after practical tests have been completed. Exports are expected to top \$500,000 this year, about 60 per cent of total sales. One third each goes to Sweden and the U.S. Wages are the major cost, as the plant employs about 100 people. With total investment of only about \$1.2m., half of which is shareholders' equity. The original "approved" status has been by now used up, so that it is subject to the full tax, but profitability is satisfactory owing to the high ratio of turnover to the share capital.

Egmo produces electrical components for household appliances, heating plates, stainless steel fittings and tanks. While the stainless steel products are custom-made and sold locally, the switches, and thermal heating elements are largely exported.

EXPORTS FACTOR
Exports account for one half of the turnover, in accordance with the commitment on which Egmo's "approved enterprise" status is based. Starting with \$35,000 in 1970, exports soared to \$368,000 last year. In 1973 they are expected to approach \$4m., and next year \$1.5m.

The expanding business comes from the readiness of Egmo's parent companies to transfer part of their markets there, to avoid themselves of Israel's skilled manpower and lower wage cost.

Considerable amounts of Egmo products are also sold to Eastern Europe through German intermediaries. The company's major worry to date is credit shortage, because the current system of export credits is not adjusted to comply with requirements of firms of export growth. Another worry is the frequent work stoppages in the Haifa harbour which interfere with the factory's shipping schedules sometimes forcing it to lay off workers.

Total investment in Egmo is about \$1.5m., including about \$1.2m. equity capital. Turnover will amount to \$1.2m. this year. The plant employs 180 people, many of them new immigrants from Russia. Wages account for one third of production costs. Labour productivity is satisfactory. A break-even point was reached last year and, with sales soaring, profits are now very satisfactory. With the plant's present capacity already fully utilized, further expansion may be considered before long.

GROUND WAS BROKEN at Tel Aviv University yesterday for a building to house a new cosmic ray spectrometer. The spectrometer will be used both by local scientists and by scientists from West Germany's Kiel University.

Bonds rule market

TEL AVIV. — The public's sentiment turned yesterday definitely to the bond market, where 11.6m. worth of bonds were traded — leaving a meagre turnover of 11.8m. to the share market, of which half was traded in the variables.


Prices preceded slightly in a very dull session, most shares dropped one to two points with some rising

one point. The few exceptions were Argaman up nine to 363 (10,400), Tael up 3 to 298 (5,700), Israel Electric Bank down eight to 317 (9,500).

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National Insurance Institute

NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS OF HOUSEHOLD WORKERS

EMPLOYERS' SICK FUND

CONTRIBUTION LAW (Mas Makbil)

Obligation to make payments to the National Insurance Institute.

The law obligates employers of household workers to make Mas Makbil payments to the National Insurance Institute starting from April 1, 1973.

The rate of the tax is 20 agorot for each IL25 salary.

Reporting and Payment.

Payment of Mas Makbil will be included in the monthly report of those employing household workers (form 614), together with National Insurance dues. Therefore, the total payable is IL2.20 for each IL25 of salary.

Table of salary and insurance dues.

July 15 is the last day for making payment for the months of April, May and June. On this date, insurance dues plus Mas Makbil must be paid according to the following table:


Salary during the period of 3-month report	Insurance dues for old age and survivors insurance	Deduction from salary of worker for old age and survivors insurance	Insurance dues for workers not insured for old age and survivors insurance
1-49	2.20	0.50	0.50
50-74	4.40	1.00	1.00
75-99	6.60	1.50	1.50
100-124	8.80	2.00	2.00
125-149	11.00	2.50	2.50
150-174	13.20	3.00	3.00
175-199	15.40	3.50	3.50
200-224	17.60	4.00	4.00
225-249	19.80	4.50	4.50
250-274	22.00	5.00	5.00
275-299	24.20	5.50	5.50
300-324	26.40	6.00	6.00
325-349	28.60	6.50	6.50
350-374	30.80	7.00	7.00
375-399	33.00	7.50	7.50
400-424	35.20	8.00	8.00
425-449	37.40	8.50	8.50
450-474	39.60	9.00	9.00
475-499	41.80	9.50	9.50
500-524	44.00	10.00	10.00
525-549	46.20	10.50	10.50
550-574	48.40	11.00	11.00
575-599	50.60	11.50	11.50
600-624	52.80	12.00	12.00

For each IL25 of salary of those insured for old age and survivors insurance, an additional IL2.20 must be paid.

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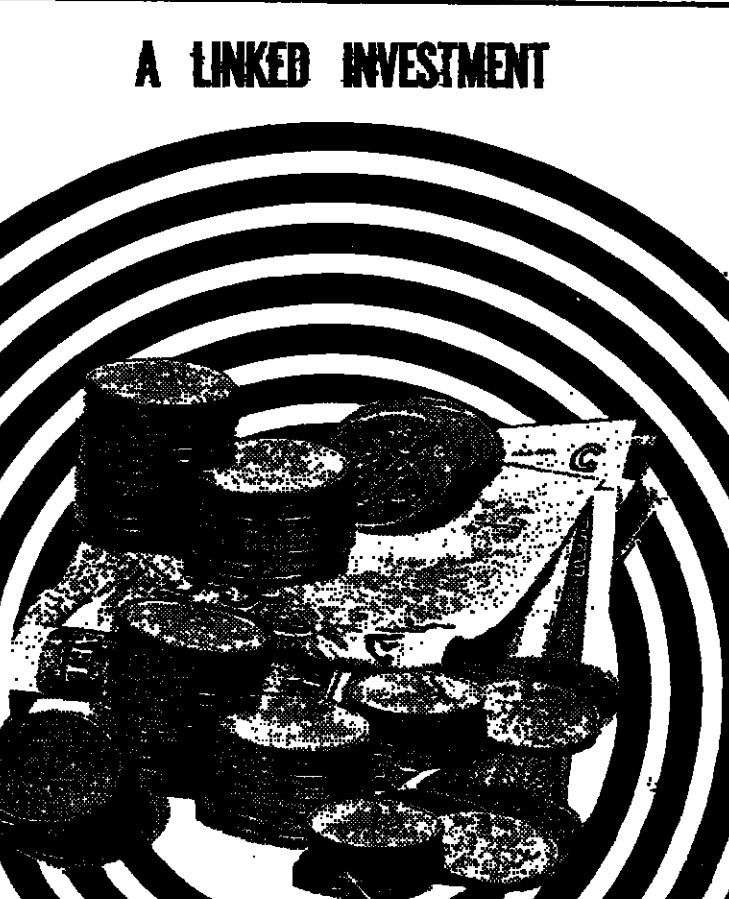


Ministry of Justice

NOTICE TO INHERITORS OF REAL ESTATE

- The Ministry of Justice again announces that, on March 1, 1973, a regulation was promulgated which allows those who have delayed in registering inherited real estate — such as flats, places of business, plots or agricultural land — to register such real estate upon payment of an IL45 fee.
- This fee (composed of IL30 to the Treasury and IL15 to the local authority) is a maximum, and is not dependent on the value of the property in any way whatsoever.
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TENDER No. 15/C-12/ISP/73

THE ISRAEL SEWERAGE PROJECT

The Municipality of Petah Tikva hereby invites contractors to submit bids for the installation of sewerage works comprising:

Collectors and Sewers in Kiryat Arya, Segula and Kfar Ganim Zones.

Tender Documents and Forms of Tender can be obtained against payment of IL100.- (non-refundable) from the City Engineer's Office, Sewerage Section, 2 Rehov Ha'aliya Hashana, Petah Tikva.

Prospective bidders should submit their bids in two copies on the forms to be supplied to them, and in compliance with the conditions of the tender.

Bids accompanied by a bank guaranty of 5% of the bid total, valid for a period ending 45 days from the last date set for the submission of bids, must be placed in the tender box at the City Secretary's Department, Municipality of Petah Tikva, not later than noon on Aug. 1, 1973.

The envelope containing the bid should be marked:

Tender 15/C-12/ISP/73
The Israel Sewerage Project

Bids not placed in the box, or bids sent through the post, will not be considered.

Bids submitted without the required bank guaranty will not be considered.

Terms of Payment: as specified in the Tender Documents.

Bids may be submitted by contractors who have been prequalified and have been notified to that effect. Bids may also be submitted by others who are registered in the Contractors' Register under the sections Sewerage, Drainage, and Waterworks. These contractors will be supplied with Pre-qualification Forms, and an approval of being a qualified bidder will be issued to them within 10 days of submitting the completed documents.

A site inspection tour for the contractors will be held on June 25, 1973, leaving from the Sewerage Section's office at 10.30 a.m.

The Tender Board is not bound to accept the lowest or any other proposal for the entire Tender or parts thereof.

I. FENBERG, Mayor
Municipality of Petah Tikva

Petah Tikva, June, 1973

Mrs. Meir lifts the clouds

AFTER many months of waiting and uncertainty, Mrs. Meir has lifted the clouds that were hovering over the Labour Party.

There can be no doubt that Mrs. Meir's desire to retire, as originally expressed, was a genuine expression of her feelings.

However, the appeals of her closest colleagues and their sense that her departure at this time in the party's development could compromise the possibility of constituting a national leadership that would command the broad consent and moral authority that the party and the country need, in the end prevailed.

As indicated in her letter to the Labour Party Central Committee yesterday, Mrs. Meir recognized that with the election campaigns to the Knesset and the Knesset rapidly approaching, her decision could no longer be prolonged. For this would only aggravate the inner tensions which beset her party.

Partly these tensions reflect the divisions, still not completely overcome, which identify the former Mapai, Rafi and Ahdut Ha'avoda. But they are also characteristic of a large party, which in the effort to occupy a dominant and middle position of

the political spectrum, has always been a coalition of differing interests and viewpoints.

Mrs. Meir's decision will clear the air, but it will also be only the first step in forging a programme and a leadership team that will satisfy the various contending forces and enable the party to present the electorate a united front. With Mr. Dayan, Mr. Sapir and Mr. Ben-Aharon representing such divergent views, that task will not be easy. But without Mrs. Meir it may have been impossible.

As shown consistently by the opinion polls, Mrs. Meir's decision will also be welcomed by all sectors of the population including those not strictly identified with the Labour Movement.

But it has also become apparent during the past year or more that the public, which has given such broad support to the Prime Minister in the realms of defence and foreign policy, also wants a similar kind of leadership visibly directed at our domestic problems.

This is a challenge that itself reflects the successes scored on defence and foreign policy. But it remains a challenge nevertheless.

He's just crazy about cars. World leaders vie in presenting him with their country's best models. But Leonid Brezhnev doesn't just collect them, he loves to drive them himself. It relaxes him, he claims. Perhaps it also demonstrates his sense of confidence in himself.

By FRANK CREPEAU

LEONID I. Brezhnev seems to like being in the driver's seat, whether in the Kremlin or behind the wheel of one of the powerful cars he has collected as gifts from Western leaders.

As he goes into his U.S. summit with President Nixon, the Communist Party general secretary seems very much in the Kremlin driver's seat. His self-assurance was apparent to the 11 American newsmen he called into the Kremlin last Thursday for a three-hour news conference, his first since taking over as party chief nine years ago. He fielded questions on such touchy topics as Watergate, Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union and U.S.-Soviet trade — in a solo performance. No other member of the ruling Politburo was present.

He once said something about his driving which could apply to his political leadership: "When I'm behind the wheel I relax. When I'm in a car, I have the impression nothing can happen to me."

Brezhnev has a Citroën-MS from President Georges Pompidou of France, a Cadillac from President Nixon, and a Mercedes 450SEL from West Germany's Chancellor Willy Brandt. When he took the Mercedes out for a spin in Bonn last month, his driving left German security agents pale and shaken.

Brezhnev, firmly behind the wheel

As top man in the Soviet Union, however, he seems to have been a good deal more cautious.

It took Brezhnev nine years, after the fall of Nikita Khrushchev in 1964, to consolidate his power sufficiently to remove two foes of his policies from the Politburo. Steeled in the tough Kremlin school of power struggle, like Khrushchev and Stalin before him, he used his power as head of the party apparatus to take command.

What was supposed to be a "collective leadership" has faded. Brezhnev has eclipsed Premier Alexei N. Kosygin and President Nikolai V. Podgorny and is chief spokesman on both foreign and domestic policy. When seven U.S. senators met with Brezhnev on April 23, he assured them, "I speak for Kosygin and Podgorny."

A few days later the Politburo shakeup was announced and the big May Day celebration that followed seemed almost like "Brezhnev Day."

Brezhnev told the American journalists that when he is away either Mikhail Suslov or Andrei P. Kirilenko presides over the Politburo. Schedules are arranged so that one or the other is on hand when Brezhnev is away. The two men probably sit in for him because each is a member of the party secretariat. Podgorny and Kosygin are not.

But while the disclosure might raise doubts about who is second in command, there are none about who is first. Brezhnev's pictures on holiday occasions these days are bigger than any of the others, except those

of Lenin. The press lavishes praise on him, and extols the decision to award him the Lenin Prize for "promotion of peace among nations." The flood of personality publicity has been unequalled since Khrushchev's time.

Leonid Brezhnev has come a long way from Dnepropetrovsk in the Ukraine, where he was born on December 19, 1906. Ukrainian accents still crop up in his speech.

A Communist since he was 25, he rose swiftly, and by the time he was 31 he was his home town's deputy mayor.

At the time of Stalin's blood purges of the 1930s, Brezhnev was a protégé of Khrushchev, then a top Stalin lieutenant. The two served together during World War II, when Brezhnev was a political commissar, one of the party's watchdogs in the armed forces. He emerged as a major-general, apparently won Stalin's favour for his service as party secretary in Moldavia and was brought to Moscow as a candidate member of the Politburo.

In the Khrushchev era, Brezhnev headed Khrushchev's virgin lands programme to increase arms production. Recalled to Moscow, he helped Khrushchev oust Khrushchev and was elevated to the Presidium, as the Politburo was then called.

Although he was little noticed at the time, pictures of Nixon's famous Moscow "kitchen debate" with Khrushchev in 1959 show Brezhnev in the background.

In 1960 Brezhnev became President of the

Soviet Union, and in 1964 was assigned party personnel matters. When Khrushchev was deposed three months later, Brezhnev had the power base to take over as secretary. He changed his title in 1968 "general secretary" of the party, the St designation, and the Presidium became Politburo again.

In those years Kosygin was making big trips abroad and the major economic statements. Brezhnev seemed remote, when in public appearances: the archly Communist apparatchik.

Brezhnev became widely known in the West for sending tanks into Czechoslovakia in 1968 to oust a liberal Communist regime, then spelling out the rationale for invasion that became known as the "Brezhnev doctrine."

But lately he has exhibited another side to westerners allowed to see him at range. They picture him as a back-slash-a-glad-hander, a ready man with a v toast and a ponderous sense of humour.

He lives in an outwards unpretentious apartment on Kuznetsky Prospekt, a five kilometres from the Kremlin, and black Zil limousine can often be seen idling up the street before 9 o'clock.

The private lives of the Communist are shielded from the Soviet public by chial apartments, the walls of country chas, curtained black limousines, restaurants and shops.

The Communist press never intrudes into Western newsmen who have seen and out that he watches his weight constantly fights "comrade appetite."

There have been rumours of mild attacks and other ailments, but Brezhnev seems in good health for a hard-worked man of 66. He touched on the subtle health by apologizing to American journalists for not, in the past, having met frequently with correspondents. But he said "let me say that I am still young and of vigour and so I do think that I before me the prospect of remedying shortcomings."

Dry Bones



SUMMIT AND STRIKES

Davar (Histadrut) and Ha'aretz (non-party) write that though Nixon's position may have been weakened somewhat by Watergate, the Russian's urgent need for technical aid, credit and weapons from the U.S. gives them, in turn, little edge. The Russians have a greater need in this connection than the Americans with regard to the Salt talks or the mutual reduction of forces in Europe. A central factor in the talks will be the question of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, for a large part of both Houses of Congress continue to resist any expanded trade agreements until the restrictions on emigration are lifted.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) says that a few tactical gestures on the part of the Soviets should not blind us to the ongoing struggle of thousands of Jews for the right to emigrate. With regard to the Middle East, the respective positions of the two powers are so far apart that not much can be expected in the way of new developments.

Hatzofe (National Religious) feels that in the matter of Soviet concessions regarding Jewish emigration, the hour is ripe for the application of pressure. In connection with

the Middle East, the paper feels that the present trend towards coexistence between the two powers will be reflected in continued quiet along Israel's borders.

She'arim (Poalei Aguda) writes regarding the current wave of strikes in general that civil servants on the one hand feel deprived in comparison to the private sector of the economy, and on the other regard the right to strike as a powerful weapon in their favour. Essentially, what the doctors are demanding is not an improved position in the present wage scale but a new wage scale all their own. This paper traces the doctor's traditional status as a member of the upper middle class, rather than a white collar worker, as is the case in Israel.

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) calls for a thorough revision of public medical services, for no mere wage increase, no matter how great, can alter the underlying causes of the doctors' grievances. The paper blames the "strike mentality," on the current inflation, which the Government has in effect done much to encourage.

Readers' letters

THE DOCTORS' STRIKE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I simply cannot fathom how members of such a highly educated, intelligent and humane group of society, such as the medical profession, can embark upon a course of action to achieve a particular object (however justifiable), such as to strike, when the only effect is to harm those precise people they are trying to help — the poor patients.

Prior to coming to Israel, I was involved in labour problems, being connected with one of the most powerful trade unions in England, and even sitting on works' committees. We understood that strike

action would harm the employer; it might even hurt the economy but we would try not to harm the man-in-the-street who, after all, is our colleague. Cannot the striking doctors see that the strike weapon is not one which can help their cause? Are their employers, whether it be the Kupat Holim, the Hita employees, in the Ministry of Health or even the Minister himself, really affected by the strike? Is the economy really troubled by this senseless action? It is only the poor, unfortunate patient awaiting his turn to regain his health, who is forced to remain a worry to his near ones and a burden to those around him.

My immediate reaction is one of shock that so many highly intelligent people could be led astray by a leadership so wrongly embarked on a course which can in no way enhance their image and which is so much in contradiction to the avowed duty of their profession.

There is no doubt that the doctors' case is justified and, as they have been brought to this sorry state of expression, it is certainly time for the Government to rethink its whole basis of work agreements and wage negotiations.

SHLOMO KLEIN

Jerusalem, June 13.

THE DREAM OF POALEI ZION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The present strike of the physicians in Israel mystifies the Jews in foreign countries who have supported the Histadrut. They cannot understand how it is possible that Kupat Holim, the medical and health service institution of the Histadrut, which is organized, developed and owned by labour should be wracked by class struggle like capitalist countries.

Originally, the aim of the Histadrut was for workers to build and own their own institutions and provide good conditions for themselves while rendering the best possible services to the people without regard to the motive of profit or personal gain. They developed Na'ava

to restrain the high cost of food products; they hoped that Haganah would provide the needed transportation; they planned various industries like Solal Boneh to build good housing for the people at reasonable costs; they even envisioned that they would have their own banking institution in Bank Hapoalim in order to provide capital at reasonable interest costs. Now they see that these hopes and aspirations have not been entirely realized. The industries and institutions that they developed have reached out in every direction and are far removed from the early ideals of serving the workers and the people.

The exception to date has been Kupat Holim. They provided medical

services to a great portion of the population at costs that were much lower than those prevailing in foreign countries.

But members of the medical profession do not live in a vacuum. Their neighbours work for Timra, Egged, Solal Boneh and Bank Hapoalim. And even if the doctor or medical technician has some idealism, he cannot expect his family to live on a lower standard than his neighbour.

Face to face with the reality of today, the member of Poalei Zion, the supporter of the Histadrut, begins to wonder if he has been a naive dreamer.

WILLIAM BRATERNAN

Hadera, June 10.

RABBINICAL COURTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read with interest the excellent article of Rabbi Alexander Carlebach on the conservatism of Rabbinical courts, in your Shavruv Supplement of June 5. Dr. Carlebach may be right in ascribing to Rabbinical judges' "clattered minds and insufficient knowledge of secular society, yet, on the whole, they are very competent in personal matters, and neither jurisprudential rigidity nor a reluctance to resort to liberal precedents is the principal fault of religious courts in this country. Their gravest defect lies, on the contrary, in the efforts of Rabbinical judges to reassess along modern lines marital positions and issues despite the inadequate understanding on the part of these Rabbis of the nature of social living in a social framework that is not anchored to the human and moral values characterizing traditional Judaism, and in some measure, traditional tenets of Western civilization.

Dr. Carlebach comments on the mastery of Professor Zeev Falk on the unsatisfactory position of women in Rabbinical Law in Israel. However, an equally serious problem at present in this country

is the socially precarious position of men who have become, in an increasing number of instances, the victims of female prevarication and depravity, at times due to Rabbinical hesitancy to reach timely decisions, to formulate conclusions in clear-cut terms and to enforce judgments. The circumstances affecting marriage nowadays as a result of the new status of women have had an impact on law in a manner yet undefined by the religious judiciary, and the absence of guidelines is possibly detrimental in this regard. One can witness Rabbinical judges' uncertainty or even paralysis as to how to react and to decide when confronted in a litigation by a defiant, self-confessed adulteress, or a woman who questions her obligation to serve her family, or a woman who comes to court improperly dressed.

The entire Israeli judiciary is perhaps in need of some lubrication to render its functioning more expert and speedy, but what the Rabbinical courts need in particular is the professional assistance of social workers and psychiatrists, as a consequence of the exceptionally poor level of public indifference to social welfare and child care, in

the modern ways in which these are handled now in the West. Let us hope that Rabbis such as Dr. Carlebach can help bring about some gradual progress in this direction.

Dr. HENRY H. SHARON

Tel Aviv, June 10.

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THE ISRAEL MUSEUM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We are very happy to hear that Mr. Burton Hagerman (June 3) esteems the Museum so highly and hope that all the 700,000 people who visited it last year share his opinion.

Nevertheless, we must, to our great regret, postpone for the moment his suggestion to open the Museum at night. Right now, the Museum closes everyday at 6 p.m. except on Tuesday when it is open until 10 p.m. We would like very much to have the Museum open on other nights as well, but because of the shortage of staff to man the guardposts, we cannot arrange it yet.

RONNIT NOYAL

The Israel Museum

Jerusalem, June 13.

MUNICIPAL DUTY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I would like to say my appreciation to Mrs. Hagerman for her article, "TV Spring Festival draws (June 1). Finally somebody found the courage to speak truth."

Why should ordinary workers who constitute the major force to pay for and work which are neither untruly coercion — and a punitive form of coercion multaneously, the Municipality neglects its basic duties to citizens, such as keeping the streets and providing toilets.

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